



In re Application of:

Makoto KITAHARA

Application No.: 10/044,938

Filed: January 15, 2002

For: ROTATING FORCE TRANSMITTING  
APPARATUS AND IMAGE FORMING  
APPARATUS EQUIPPED WITH THE  
SAME

Docket No. 03500.016108

Confirmation No.: 1498

Examiner: Robert B. Beatty

Group Art Unit: 2852

Date: September 22, 2003  
(Monday After Weather Emergency\*)

**Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
Post Office Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment** in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required.


The fee has been calculated as shown below

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	11	MINUS	20	= 0	x \$9 \$18	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	3	= 0	x \$42 \$84	\$0.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$140°/\$280						\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT---						\$0.00

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- ☐ Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- ☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the fee for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.
- ☒ Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated June 18, 2003, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application, as follows.

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND THE DRAWINGS  
AND  
SUBMISSION OF CORRECTED SHEETS OF THE DRAWINGS

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of an Official Action, dated June 18, 2003, in the above-identified application. The Response is due on September 18, 2003, and is being filed concurrently herewith.

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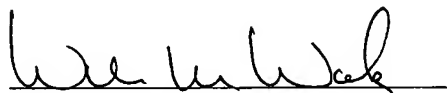
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Enclosed are five (5) sheets of corrected formal drawings to be substituted for the corresponding sheets presently on file in the application. In the substitute sheets, the label --PRIOR ART-- has been added to Figures 5 through 9 as required by the Examiner.

Favorable consideration, approval, and entry hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney can be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below shown New York address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. M. Wannisky', written over a horizontal line.

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